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SUBJECT: TUNA/PORPOISE

1. DEPT HAS OBTAINED DRAFTS OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION
AND MURPHY TUNA/PORPOISE BILLS.

2. MURPHY BILL PROVIDES:

A. TWO YEARS RELIEF ON EASTERN SPINNER AND WHITEBELLY
QUOTAS.

B. OBSERVERS ON ALL U.S. VESSELS.

C. CONTINUES PRESENT EMBARGO PROVISIONS.

3. PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION BILL PROVIDES:

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A. SAME RELIEF ON EASTERN SPINNER AND WHITEBELLY
AS MURPHY BILL FOR ONE YEAR.

B. OBSERVERS ON ALL U.S. VESSELS.

C. PORPOISE KILLS TO BE REDUCED 50 PERCENT EVERY
3 YEARS OR TO 10,000 PORPOISE BY 1983.

D. CONTINUATION OF PRESENT EMBARGO PROVISIONS.

E. EMBARGO OF TUNA FROM COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE OBSERVER PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

F. DISCRETIONARY EMBARGO BY THE PRESIDENT ON ALL FISH FROM ANY COUNTRY TAKING PORPOISE IN VIOLATION OF U.S. STANDARDS.

G. STRONG RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER OF TUNA VESSELS TO FOREIGN OWNERSHIP.

H. DIRECTIONS TO SECSTATE TO COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES TOWARD INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAM.

4. COMMENT: DEPT CAN SUPPORT, OR AT LEAST WILL NOT OPPOSE, MURPHY BILL AND ADMINISTRATION BILL EXCEPT FOR PROVISIONS E, F AND H OF ADMINISTRATION BILL. BILLS WOULD ENABLE TUNA FISHERMEN TO CONTINUE FISHING, WHILE PRESERVING PORPOISE STOCKS. PROVISION (E) IS PREMATURE. WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD SEE IF WE CAN GET VOLUNTARY INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS BEFORE THREATENING AN EMBARGO. PROVISION (F) IS OVERKILL AND IS PROBABLY A VIOLATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE, TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS A PARTY. THE SANCTIONS PROVIDED FOR ARE TOO SWEEPING FOR THE AMOUNT OF GOOD THAT WOULD BE

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DONE. PROVISION (H) IS UNNECESSARY BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THE NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTED BY THE BILL. CHRISTOPHER

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